



**Year of Clean Water
National Water Monitoring Day
October 18, 2002**



What: National Water Monitoring Day

When: October 18, 2002

Where: Nationwide

How: Log on to www.yearofcleanwater.org to register a monitoring site, purchase a kit or input sample data.

October 18, 2002 is the 30th Anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act. October 18th is also National Water Monitoring Day (NWMD).

America's Clean Water Foundation and its many partners are coordinating a National Water Monitoring Day to bring together citizens from around the nation to sample water quality. NWMD teams will include professional water quality monitoring agencies from federal, state, interstate, tribal and local government agency monitoring staff, organized volunteer monitoring organizations and first-time citizen monitors including classrooms, civic organizations and families, to conduct a nationwide water-sampling event. For this first year, of what will be an annual event, National Water Monitoring Day will focus on the four basic parameters of temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and clarity/turbidity.

Professional water monitoring agencies and organized volunteer monitoring organizations will monitor using their established monitoring protocols and equipment. Citizen monitors including families, classrooms, civic organizations and service clubs can participate and sample using an inexpensive National Water Monitoring Day test kit that has been specifically chosen for its simplicity and safety for first-time monitors. These test kits are available for purchase through the Year of Clean Water web site: www.yearofcleanwater.org.

Participating agencies, organizations and individuals will need to register their monitoring locations before October 18th on a database system designed specifically to support the National Water Monitoring Day event. Participants will enter their data after completing their testing into this same database. Data will be available for view on the database and will be used to issue a report summarizing the event and celebrating the role and accomplishments of the participants. This National Water Monitoring database site can be accessed from the Year of Clean Water web site.

To learn more about the National Water Monitoring Day, register monitoring locations or order test kits and find information on other Year of Clean Water events visit the Year of Clean Water web site at www.yearofcleanwater.org.



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